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2ND BASE COACH

By J. F. McKALE

FOURTEEN YEARS ago this June the American Association of College Baseball Coaches was founded in New York City with twenty-seven charter members. Among the several objectives were:

(1) The promotion of college baseball. There were 242 teams and at present 650 senior institutions recognize baseball as a major sport.

(2) To have a good strong organization. We had 27 members at that time and we now have 301.

(3) The inclusion of baseball in the Pan American games. The United States team, made up largely of college players, finished second in the 1955 Games held in Mexico City.

(4) To have baseball adopted in the Olympic Games. Baseball has not been included in the Olympics, but real progress was made when a U. S. team competed in Australia at the same time. We might boast of being "half in".

(5) To work out a satisfactory agreement with professional baseball relative to the signing of college players before graduation. We have scored in all our objectives except this one. On a few occasions we thought we had reached first base, but were mistaken.

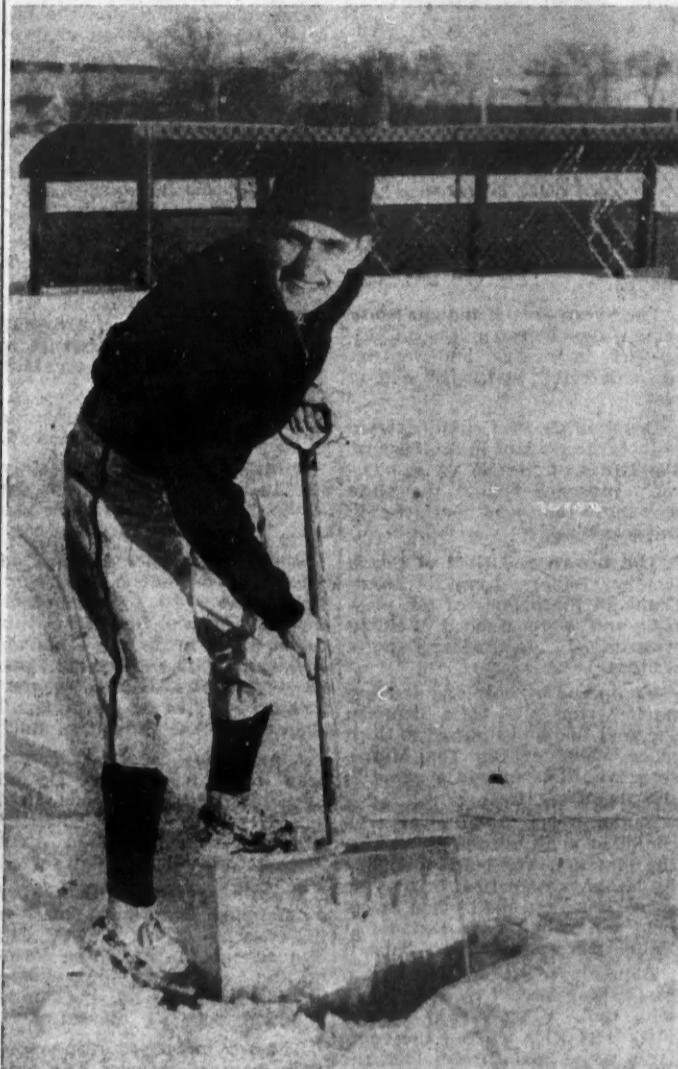
OCCASIONALLY there is a ray of hope. A few weeks ago the Sporting News contained an editorial entitled "Too Much College—O.B. Sniping". Included in the editorial was this pertinent paragraph. "Professional football has taken a wise step in barring any athlete from its league until his class has been graduated. Baseball could do the same thing without losing any ground."

We must assume that this editorial was written by the Editor, Mr. J. G. Taylor Spink. Mr. Spink generally speaks for professional baseball and gets plenty of attention from the "Big Brass" whether they agree with him or not. We are wondering if we will hear anything more from Mr. Spink on this subject.

THE SPORTING NEWS says there are two sides to this argument. We'll go for that one. In his editorial argument there is a "wrong side and a right side," and the AACBC knows it is on the right side. The professionals claim that if they wait until a boy is mature he will be too old when he enters baseball.

HERE'S A TIP for 500 professional ivory hunters. There's a freshman outfielder at Arizona State by the name of Cronin. Yale has two freshmen pitchers named Carpenter and Murphy. Carpenter has a no-hitter to his credit. Sign them at once. They can have the pleasure of bumping

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Walt Nitardy, baseball coach of the State University of New York Teachers College at Oswego, tries to find home plate on his snow-packed field. Oswego has had more than 160 inches of snow this year and can lay claim to having the most-snowed-in college baseball field in the country.

Neither Snow, Sleet Stops Oswego Lakers

OSWEGO, N. Y.—The 168-inches-plus of snow which stopped all transportation and buffeted this city this year can't stop the Oswego State Lakers.

The Lakers, of course, would need snowshoes to work out on their playing field, but Coach Walt Nitardy, former Columbia star, already has his plans set for 1959. And the plans include a push to win the rating of one of the best small college teams in the east and in the nation.

Coach Nitardy will start workouts indoors March 23 while he keeps a hopeful eye on his snow-packed diamond. By the end of March he hopes the snow will melt and he'll be able to move workouts outdoors. The Lakers open their season April 17 with a downstate New York trip.

The Lakers' success this year may depend upon the chucking ability of Ted Grinnell, big righthander who had a 6-4 record last season, and Southpaw Fred Parrow. Ralph Maru, one of the best college shortstops in the East, hit .465 last season; and also back this spring will be Elliott Yezer, second sacker, who hit .320. Yezer and Maru were part of a Laker infield combination which had 11 double plays in 13 games last year.

The college, one of 11 Teachers College units of the State University of New York, will also

Raps Pro Moguls For Rule 'Failure'

**Dropping Of Non-Raiding Rule Called
'Shameful Indictment' Of Pro Ball**

By Abe Chanin
Collegiate Baseball Editor

Failure to establish a non-raiding agreement with college baseball is a "shameful indictment" of professional baseball, Branch Rickey Sr., chairman of the board of the Pittsburgh Pirates declared in an exclusive interview with COLLEGIATE BASEBALL.

"Professional baseball has not played fair with the colleges," Rickey said. "They had a good, working rule and then threw it out. There was a rule that professional baseball could not touch a college player after his freshman year. That was a workable rule. And it should be in effect today.

"It is too bad that professional baseball ever scrapped the rule. It is too bad that the rule is not in use today. And this is a shameful indictment of professional baseball."

Ricky, one of baseball's greats as a field manager and general manager, served on the major league committee which put the non-raiding rule in effect several years ago.

"I don't know how the rule will be restored," Rickey declared. "I suppose the college men will have to take their hats in their hands, get on their knees and beg to be allowed to meet with the professional committee. They had to do it before."

Rickey took a sharp slap at the bonus rule of professional baseball.

"IT'S SUCH a silly rule," he retorted. "The bonus rule is the worst and silliest thing they've come up with. It's perfectly senseless for businessmen to pass out those tremendous bonuses. I'm sure they don't do that in their own business. They don't train a stenographer to be a great executive and shell out \$50,000."

In their own businesses they pay a training salary of \$50 a month and let them chew their onions while they're learning.

"I don't believe they ought to give bonuses to lure players from high school, college or out of mothers' laps."

"There should be no bonus at all, or maybe a reasonable bonus that is within the zone of the draft price. But I think it would be more important to draw players by offering them good salaries."

Rickey doesn't see college baseball replacing fading minor leagues.

"No, I want the minor leagues to continue," Rickey said. (Continued on Page 4)

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field its first freshman baseball team this year.

Coach Nitardy is a Columbia alumnus and was a standout performer on Columbia baseball teams. While doing degree work at Columbia, he served as physical education instructor and was Freshman Baseball coach.

Hit A Home Run For Your Players!

Here's a wonderful way to build up player interest in college baseball. Many schools are now taking out the team subscription plan to COLLEGIATE BASEBALL and distributing the paper to their players.

Among the schools who are finding this plan a boon to baseball enthusiasm are Ohio State, California, Florida, Iowa, Duke, Oregon, Arizona, Oklahoma, Florida State, Wyoming, Elon, Indiana, Oregon State, Illinois, Lafayette, Central Michigan . . .

Send your school order to P. O. Box 4567, Tucson, Ariz.

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Valpo's Orton Snubs Pro Offer

Powerful Receiver Hit .505

Five-Figure Lures Nixed By Youngster

By CARL GALOW

VALPARAISO, Ind.—Tom Orton, an average student with exceptional athletic ability, has one important difference which distinguishes him from his Valparaiso University classmates:

He is receiving an education which could cost him five or six times that of his fellow students.

A junior at the university in northern Indiana, Orton is in his second season as a starter for the basketball team and set the Indiana Collegiate Conference on fire last spring with his baseball play as a sophomore catcher.

Orton's fine baseball ability is the reason his education might some day cost him considerably more than the average student.

Major league baseball teams have been after Orton since he was a sophomore at Detroit Lutheran high. The 6-2, 190-pound fireball has consistently turned down five-figure bonus offers, the latest being one for \$35,000, to retain his college eligibility and be able to compete in college basketball and baseball.

Should something happen between now and the time Orton is ready to sign, i. e., his college playing days are over, and he is no longer the 'hot property' the bonus-handlers are after, Orton's education could cost him the normal five or six thousand for four-year programs plus the bonus he turned down during college days to retain complete amateur standing.

Something happening does not appear too likely, at least in the area of Orton's ability. The Crusader backstop belted the ball at a .505 clip over the entire season and 'cooled off' slightly to .471 in the Indiana Collegiate Conference action.

He had 18 RBI's in 22 games and handled 111 chances flawlessly.

Coaches in the ICC named the young sophomore the Outstanding Baseball Player in the conference, a rare occurrence indeed.

The Crusaders were 15-4 over the entire season, including wins over Notre Dame and Big Ten Purdue, but did not win their



EMORY BAUER
Valpo coach ...

league championship, strangely enough.

The Sycamores of Indiana State hung a doubleheader loss on Valpo early in the year and went on to undefeated status in league play.

Despite this, the Crusaders were an at-large entrant in the District 4 playoffs of the NCAA and Orton's presence behind the plate was more than a minor factor in the selection.

The Brown and Gold of Coach Emory Bauer dumped Notre Dame in the opener of the playoffs and were dubbed 'fielding wizards' by attending sports writers.

Hampered by only one starting pitcher, the VU team dropped the next two and finished in third place ahead of Big Ten Minnesota, who did not win a game in the playoff.

Senior Gerry Twietmeyer, who compiled a 9-1 record going into the playoffs, was ruled ineligible by NCAA authorities for playing as a first year man when freshmen were eligible to compete at Valparaiso several years back.

Moundmate Rich Beumer, a fast-pitch pitcher from St. Louis who built a 5-2 record with a nifty 1.88 ERA during the regular season, had to shoulder the entire pitching burden in the playoffs.

Coaches in the NCAA playoff were unanimous in agreement that Orton was the outstanding catcher in the tourney.

A sophomore in academic standing, 'Notro,' a nickname applied him, is much higher in baseball experience, were it classed academically: last season was his twelfth in organized baseball of one type or another.

Tom started his baseball career

in Detroit, a hotbed of amateur baseball.

His baseball debut came in the Billy Rogell League for youngsters 12 and under which Orton cracked at the age of eight. He stayed in this 'circuit' until he was 13 when he put in two years in Class E of the Detroit Baseball Federation.

American Legion claimed him at the age of 15 but he jumped to Class D in the DBF the following year and was a member, at the age of 16, of the Arthur's Clothes nine, which won the national Amateur baseball championship at Altoona, Pa., in 1955.

It is interesting to note here that Orton's batterymate Beumer was a member of the St. Louis, Mo., team, which won this same crown in 1956. Beumer, too, is a VU player who has turned down a five-figure bonus offer to maintain his college eligibility.

The same year Orton was a catcher-outfielder for the National Amateur champs, he was named the Outstanding Amateur Athlete—distinctive indeed in a city which has a lot of amateur athletes.

'Notro' has made a name for himself in Valparaiso basketball.

Despite his 6-2 height, certainly not big by today's standards, he is the No. 2 rebounder on the team.

Smallest Crusader forward on the varsity, Orton is a fierce competitor who will not yield an inch any place on the floor; it is this virtue which made him a starter on a squad with a 6-10 center, two 6-8 center-forwards, a 6-6 center-forward and two 6-4 forwards, all bigger than the Detroit product.

A graduate of Bethany Lutheran grade school and Detroit Lutheran high, Tom has lived with a relative, B. T. Houlihan, since his parents passed away when he was starting high school.

Despite overtures—he was an outstanding three-sport man in high school—from several Big Ten schools, Orton chose Valpo on the advice of high school coaches Denny Tuomi and Connie Aumann, both VU alumni.

The only people at all unhappy with Orton's presence at Valpo, and it is an artificial regret, are the football coaches. They remember his prep prowess on the gridiron and picture him, with his fierce competitive desire, as a regular end or halfback.

BATON ROUGE, La.—Andy Bourgeois, junior third baseman of Louisiana State's baseball team, has been elected team captain for the 1959 season, Coach Raymond Didier has announced.



TOM ORTON
flawless fielding ...

Tomlinson Reveals '59 Tribe Slate

JONESBORO—Baseball coach J. A. (Ike) Tomlinson has arranged a 24-game schedule for the Arkansas State Indians this spring, highlighted by the appearance of Notre Dame, Purdue, Missouri, Bradley, St. Louis, Washington and Ole Miss. The Redskins will play 18 home games.

Coach Tomlinson's Tribe will make only four road trips. The Indians will travel to Ole Miss for two games, to Memphis twice to play Southwestern and Memphis State and to St. Louis for games with St. Louis U. and Washington U.

The Indians will have a complete rebuilding job to do this spring. Only seven lettermen are back and just four of those were starters.

Outfielder Andy Morris, Third baseman Bill Caldwell and Pitchers A. L. Gatewood and Milburn (Bo) Moore are the only regulars back. Jimmy Bowlin, Jimmy Lamb and A. J. Nugent saw utility action.

Highlight of last year's Indian team that finished with a 9-10 record was the 3-2 victory over Missouri's Tigers. A brilliant pitching performance by Gatewood, who struck out 13, enabled State to defeat the NCAA runner-up. The schedule:

March 24	Quincy (Ill.) College	Here
March 27	Washington (Mo.) U.	Here
March 28	Washington (Mo.) U.	Here
March 29	University of Missouri	Here
March 31	(DH) Purdue, Notre Dame, Memphis State, A-State	
April 1	(DH) Purdue, Notre Dame, Memphis State, A-State	Here
April 2	Bradley University	Here
April 4	Bradley University	Here
April 10	St. Louis University	Here
April 11	St. Louis University	Here
April 13	University of Mississippi	There
April 14	University of Mississippi	There
April 18	A-State Teachers Col. (2)	Here
April 24	Southwestern	There
April 25	Arkansas Tech (2)	Here
May 1	Louisiana Tech	Here
May 2	Louisiana Tech (2)	Here
May 4	Southwestern of Memphis	Here
May 6	Memphis State U.	There
May 11	St. Louis U.	There
May 12	Washington (Mo.) U.	Here
May 16	Murray (Ky.) State (2)	Here

At University of Texas

Falk Faces Big Challenge

AUSTIN, Texas—The University of Texas, where 32 of 43 Southwest Conference baseball crowns have come to rest, may get an opportunity to see how the rest of the conference lives this season.

Longtime Longhorn Coach Bibb Falk, who has earned a nationwide reputation as a molder of champions, has perhaps his biggest job ever. A combination of graduation and professional scouts has left Falk with only three regulars of his 1958 champions and there's not an infielder among them.

The three returnees are high-quality performers, but even so they will be hard put to make up for the six regulars no longer around. Returning Longhorns are Pitcher George Myers, whose 12-1 record last year was the best of a UT pitcher in 10 years, and Outfielders Wayne McDonald, a .311 hitter as a sophomore, and Pete Embry, a two-year letter winner and a .270 batsman last year.

Gone are such worthies as

Max Alvis, the SWC's leading hitter in 1958; Woody Woodward, a .400 hitter last year and the spark of the UT infield for three seasons; Jerry Good, a consistent .300 hitter and a third-team all-American selection two years ago; Ray Menge, a .300 hitter and a third-team all-American last year; Glen Von Rosenberg, a two-year letterman infielder and Johnny Elam, a two-time letterman catcher. Menge was a scholastic casualty.

Infield candidates include Mitch Baxter, a junior who filled in well at times in 1958, and a sophomore led by Phil Hips. Menge's outfield spot may eventually go to basketball Jay Arnette, a letterman in 1958 although never a regular.

Pitching support for Myers, one of the few departments in which the Longhorns seemed lacking last year, should come from Senior Bob Sudderth, who has the ability to be much better than his 6-5 record of 1958 Paul Zavorskas and possibly

Sophomores Terry Jackson and Pug Rippy.

The catching should be in fairly good hands defensively since both Johnny Mayer and Soph Billy Kennedy are rated good receivers and throwers. At the plate Kennedy may have an edge, although freshman batting averages can be deceiving.

The Longhorns open their season March 10 against Brooke Army Medical Center. Other non-conference foes include Oklahoma, Sam Houston State and Minnesota. Both Minnesota and Oklahoma have national championships in their past history.

The full season schedule:

March 10	Brooks Army Med Cen.	Here
March 13-14	Oklahoma	Here
March 17-18	Sam Houston State	Here
March 21	Texas A&M	Here
March 23-24	Minnesota	Here
March 31	TCU	Here
April 3	Baylor	Here
April 7	Rice	Here
April 10-11	TCU	Here
April 17-18	SMU	Here
April 24-25	Baylor	Here
May 1-2	Rice	Here
May 7-8	Texas A&M	Here
May 12	SMU	Here

The SCOREBOARD		
Pepperdine, 20; Cincinnati Minor League, 7.		
Cowboy All-Stars, 6; SC, 3.		
Corrigan, 9; Mt. San Antonio, 2.		
Compton, 11; Orange Coast, 2.		
L. A. Valley, 7; Pasadena, 2.		



TOM ORTON
amazing hitting ...

Rebuilding Job Planned At McNeese

LAKE CHARLES, La.—McNeese State College will play one of the most ambitious baseball schedules in its history this spring. Coach Reed Stephens has lined up 27 regular season games and one tournament appearance for his 1959 Cowboys.

On March 27 and 28, McNeese will play in the Barksdale Air Force Base tournament at Shreveport.

Stephens is starting a rebuilding campaign this season. He is entering his fourth year as Cowboy baseball boss. His first club, in 1956, won the Gulf States Conference championship. But Cowboy diamond fortunes have sagged since then and the club finished last in 1958.

Stephens expects to field a hard-hitting club this spring and looks for better balanced pitching. Among the outstanding returnees from last year's team, which won 11 games and lost 10, are Shortstop Amos Ivy and Pitcher Billy Johnston.

Ivy led the Cowboys in hitting with a .407 average. Johnston, a junior, won three games and lost three, compiling a 3.72 earned run average.

Other veterans Stephens is counting on include Pitcher-infielder Frank Glenn, Catcher Lenn Kahn, Infielders Hank Meachum and Charles Stevenson and Outfielder Frank Callours.

Stevens, 31, is a McNeese graduate. He was an all-around athletic star during his college days and played briefly in the minor leagues after graduation.

The 1959 McNeese schedule follows:

March 10	San Houston	There
March 11	San Houston	There
March 13	Chennault AFB	There
March 14	Chennault AFB	There
March 17	Loyola at New Orleans	There
March 18	Loyola at New Orleans	There
March 20	Centenary (2)	There
March 24	Northern Illinois	There
March 25	Northern Illinois	There
March 27-28	Barksdale AFB Easter tournament	Shreveport
April 3	*S. W. Louisiana	Here
April 4	*S. W. Louisiana	There
April 10	*S. E. Louisiana	There
April 11	*Northwestern State (2)	There
April 17	*Louisiana Tech	Here
April 18	*Northeast Louisiana (2)	Here
April 24	*Southwestern Louisiana	Here
April 30	Centenary (2)	Here
May 1	*S. W. Louisiana	Here
May 2	*S. E. Louisiana (2)	There
May 8	*S. E. Louisiana	There
May 9	*Louisiana Tech (2)	There
May 10	Gulf State Conference games	Shreveport

Frank Sanct's Arizona Wildcats pummeled opposing hurlers for a .359 team average in 1957.

the
press box



by ABE CHANIN

ONE OF THE GREAT sports missing from the world Olympic Games is baseball.

They run, jump, toss iron balls about, dribble, swim, and even canoe. But no baseball.

And there even has been a move to cut down Olympic events because of the enormity of the games.

However American collegiate baseball officials are pressing the attack to get baseball into the Olympics, perhaps for 1960.

This summer an important step will be taken in the fight for Olympic baseball.

Eppie Barnes of Colgate, chairman of the Olympic baseball committee, feels that strong representation in the Pan-American Games to be held in Chicago late this summer will lead to Olympic baseball.

Already 12 teams have entered the 1959 Pan-Am baseball tournament and plans are pushing forward for a strong entry from the United States.



THE UNITED STATES entry in Pan-Am baseball will have 20 players.

John Kobs of Michigan State and Eppie tell us that it is probable the squad will have seven pitchers, six infielders, four outfielders and three catchers. But this isn't a set pattern and might be changed.

Players for the U.S. squad will be chosen from colleges and amateur teams, the latter perhaps to include the armed services Junior American Legion ball and possibly one high schooler.

The selection committee is made up of the following men with Kobs as chairman: Major James K. McCreight (Marine Corps); Captain Roger Miller (Army); William R. Schroeder (Helms Athletic Foundation) and J. Kyle Anderson (secretary-treasurer of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches).



HOW CAN YOU get your player on the 1959 Pan-American team?

Your best way is to send in material on your player to your All-American district selection committee. The selection committee will use as a guide the 24 district All-Star teams and the three All-American teams.

Of course, that won't be the only way your player can make the team, but the committee will need full information and the best way to get to the selectors is through your district selection committee.

The Pan-Am baseball teams will stay at the Pan-Am Village at the University of Chicago and will play games at Wrigley and Comiskey parks.

And if you think U.S. baseball is the king of sport, look in on the talents of those Latin-American teams in the '59 Pan-Ams.

Rickey Urges Pro Pact

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"But I have the highest regard for the college baseball program and the collegiate coaches.

I believe you'll find in college baseball coaches a greater degree of intelligence, and more instructional ability than in many professional managers.

'College players who go into pro baseball have excellent technique, a fine knowledge of the game."

S.D. JC Opens Season Today

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—San Diego Junior College opens a 27-game schedule today as it hosts Compton College on the Marine Corps Reserve Depot at 3 p.m.

The complete slate:

Feb. 27	Compton College	MCRD
March 3	Camp Pendleton	Navy Field
March 4	Oceanside JC	There
March 6	Glendale Col.	Golden Hill Play-ground
March 9	Chaffey College	There
March 10	MCRD	MCRD
March 13	"Santa Monica CC	Golden Hill Play-ground
March 14	"L. A. Valley JC	There
March 17	Naval Training Center	NTC
March 20-21	Metropolitan Conference Tourney	

March 31	Camp Pendleton	There
April 1	Naval Training Center	NTC
April 3	"L. A. Harbor JC	MCRD
April 7	Palomar Junior College	There
April 10	"El Camino College	MCRD
April 11	"East L. A. JC	MCRD
April 14	MCRD	MCRD
April 17	"Long Beach City College	There
April 18	*Bakersfield College	There
April 21	Naval Training Center	NTC
April 24	Santa Monica CC	There
April 25	"L. A. Valley JC	MCRD
April 28	Oceanside JC	Golden Hill Play-ground
May 1	"East L. A. JC	There
May 2	"L. A. Harbor JC	MCRD
May 6	"El Camino College	There
May 8	Bakersfield College	MCRD
May 9	Long Beach CC	MCRD
May 15	Long Beach CC	MCRD
May 18	Conference Games	MCRD

March 31	Camp Pendleton	There
April 1	Naval Training Center	NTC
April 3	"L. A. Harbor JC	MCRD
April 7	Palomar Junior College	There
April 10	"El Camino College	MCRD
April 11	"East L. A. JC	MCRD
April 14	MCRD	MCRD
April 17	"Long Beach City College	There
April 18	*Bakersfield College	There
April 21	Naval Training Center	NTC
April 24	Santa Monica CC	There
April 25	"L. A. Valley JC	MCRD
April 28	Oceanside JC	Golden Hill Play-ground
May 1	"East L. A. JC	There
May 2	"L. A. Harbor JC	MCRD
May 6	"El Camino College	There
May 8	Bakersfield College	MCRD
May 9	Long Beach CC	MCRD
May 15	Long Beach CC	MCRD
May 18	Conference Games	MCRD

2nd Base Coach

(Continued from Page One) ing around the country in a Class D bus at the age of eighteen. Inasmuch as these boys are minors it will be necessary to get their fathers' consent. Contact President Joe Cronin of the American League, President Robert Carpenter of the Phillies, and John J. Murphy, Farm Director of the Boston Red Sox.

AN OFFICIAL in the Pittsburgh organization recently wrote us as follows: "Many responsible people in Professional baseball are prompting anything that will encourage college baseball, including a workable college rule".

WE HAVE no doubt but what our friend from Pittsburgh is sincere. Most of the scouts and professional baseball players with whom we have talked, agree with the above statement, but the "most responsible people" in professional baseball are the owners who call the signals. They have given the colleges a run-around for the past 13 years.

HERE IS ONE example! An agreement was made by the AACBC and the majors whereby they would not sign college players except under certain conditions. This appeared a move in the right direction until the colleges noticed that the farm teams signed the collegians. The "pros" came up with the lame excuse that they couldn't control their farm teams. The Professional Baseball Committee of the AACBC has met with the leaders of Professional Baseball at least once a year for over ten years. The college leaders never reached first base.

MR. BRANCH RICKEY who during the past half century has done a lot of positive thinking for professional baseball, recently made a statement that something would have to be done to save the minor leagues. In our opinion there is not much that can or will be done. Possibly a few high minor leagues will continue to exist. That leaves the college campus as the best source of future big league material. The Majors claim that it is a financial hazard to support most Minor leagues. The colleges can furnish excellent material without costing Professional Baseball a thin dime.

THE COLLEGE coaches are not blameless. A coach who would keep a player in school when the player is offered a big bonus might need his head examined. The same thing applies if the collegian is making no attempt to get an education.

Pepperdine Plays 35-Game Slate

LOS ANGELES—John Scolios' Pepperdine horsehiders face a rugged 35-game schedule, it was announced.

The Waves meet NCAA champion SC, NAIA champ San Diego State, World Series entrant Arizona, Skyline King BYU, and a pair of pro PCL teams, the San Diego Padres and Vancouver Mounties in exhibition contests.

Pepperdine College Schedule

March 4	Whittier Col.	Pepperdine
March 6	L. A. State	Brookside Park
March 7	San Diego State	Pepperdine
March 11	ASU (2)	Tempe, Ariz.
March 12	ASU	Tempe, Ariz.
March 13	U. of Ariz.	Tucson, Ariz.
March 14	U. of Ariz.	Tucson, Ariz.
March 17	Redlands U.	Pepperdine
March 18	Marine Recruit	Pepperdine
March 21	Long Beach State	Pepperdine
March 23	S. D. Padres Tmt.	Palm Springs (Tent.)
March 24	Vancouver Mounties	El Centro
March 26	Cal Poly	San Dimas
March 28	Brigham Young U.	Pepperdine
April 1	Oxy	Pepperdine
April 3	U. of Ariz.	Pepperdine
April 4	U. of Ariz.	Pepperdine
April 7	U. C. L. A.	U. C. L. A.
April 10	U. of S. F.	San Francisco
April 11	U. of Calif.	Berkley
April 13	U. of Calif.	Berkley
April 17	Pasadena-Nazarene	Pepperdine
April 21	L. A. State	Pepperdine
April 24	Cal Poly	Pepperdine
April 25	Westmont Col.	Pepperdine
April 27	U. S. C.	U. S. C.
April 28	S. D. State	San Diego
May 1	L. Beach State	Long Beach
May 5	Whittier Col.	Whittier
May 8	Stanford U.	Palo Alto
May 9	Stanford U.	Palo Alto
May 12	Loyola U.	Pepperdine
May 13	Loyola U.	Loyola

The Coaching Box

(Today's Coaching Box is written by Leo Schrall, who is beginning his 11th season as coach of the Bradley Braves. Three times in the previous nine years, the former Notre Dame athlete has taken his squad into the NCAA Collegiate World Series. In 1956, his team stayed alive until the fourth round. Schrall's teams have posted 143 wins against 74 losses during his tenure at the Peoria, Ill., school.)

By LEO SCHRALL
Head Baseball Coach
BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THIRD BASE PLAY

Physical requirements:

- A. Good hands and good arm, being able to throw from any position.
- B. Agility. (Quick Reactions)
- C. Quick mind.

Some fundamental tips for the third baseman:

- 1. Always expect ball to be hit to you, in that way you will always be ready.
- 2. Know in advance how you will make the play.
- 3. Shift your position according to each situation and each hitter.
- 4. Go as far as possible to your left for ground balls. Field and throw from position ball is fielded.
- 5. Throw overhand on balls fielded to the right or deep third.
- 6. Throw sidearm to second base on balls fielded to left.
- 7. Throw underhanded on bunts, unless you have time to straighten and throw.
- 8. Don't let the ball play you.
- 9. Straddle bag to make tag. However, leave the bag if necessary to get the ball.
- 10. Runner on first base, bunt situation—play on edge of grass, ready to charge if batsman declares himself. If anyone else fields ball, return and cover the bag.
- 11. Runners on first and second, bunt situation—play a step or two in toward hitter and not more than two steps in from the base. This will enable third baseman to field ball bunted along line or cover third base in case the pitcher fields the ball.
- 12. When fielding a ground ball with less than two out and runners on first and second, make the play to second base for the double play. (Exception—Slow hit ball.)
- 13. With runner on second base, do not let the hitter pull you in by taking a bunt, allowing runner to steal third. Have shortstop alert you if runner goes.
- 14. With runners on the bases, always back up the pitcher on throws from first baseman.
- 15. Keep the runner on third as close as possible by faking him back.
- 16. Instruct the shortstop by word sign on cut off plays.
- 17. Third baseman is cut-off man on all balls hit to left field. He should take a position about 50 feet from home plate and line up the throw for the outfielder.
- 18. Have a word sign with shortstop as to the type of each pitch.
- 19. Late in the game, protecting a one run lead, play closer to the line than usual, preventing extra base hit down the line.
- 20. Check each base runner as he rounds third base and make sure he touches the base. If he does not, call for the ball, touch the base and appeal to the umpire.

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In District 4

MSU Spartans Rate 'Best' Tag

By BOB CULP

KALAMAZOO, Mich. Difficult as it is to choose pre-season favorites, no one can overlook Michigan State as one of the better baseball teams in the Big Ten and District No. 4 and perhaps in the nation. The Spartans, under Coach John H. Kobs (now in his 35th year), appear tough despite the loss of key players.

Kobs, one of the most-respected veterans in the business, nearly won the Big Ten title last year. With just two games to play at Minnesota and needing one win, the Gophers surprised MSU by winning both and taking the conference crown. Kobs doesn't want that to happen again this year.

MSU lost Lefty Ron Perrone (8-1 and ERA 2.20) by graduation; all-district Second baseman Frank Palamara (team captain); and Catcher Don Gilbert (.369). All were seniors. However, Kobs should have one of the better Big Ten pitching staffs headed by giant Dick Radatz (6-5, 240) and Bob Rabias, both right-handers. Also returning is the great center fielder Dean Look, now a junior, who hit over .350 last season. Look recently turned down an estimated \$75,000 bonus to stay at MSU.

Probably the top challengers to MSU for the conference title and the automatic district tourney bid will be Minnesota, Ohio State, Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana or Illinois. Minnesota Coach Dick Siebert (who won a national title in 1956) lost all-star Third baseman Jack McCarten. But Siebert has Right fielder Marty Nelson (.302) returning.

Ohio State, under coach Marty Karow, lost top lefty Ron Nischwitz, who signed a pro contract for over \$50,000 as a junior. Top OSU player returning is outfielder Dick Youngpeter, a senior who hit .328 and made the second all-district team last year.

Michigan's new mentor, Don Lund, takes over Ray Fisher's

club without big John Herrnstein, pitcher-outfielder, who was one of the top Michigan hitters. He signed a pro contract as a junior. Lund will have to replace all-district Catcher Jim Dickey (.344) but the Wolverines are young and could be a winner.

Likeable Dynie Mansfield, Wisconsin's coach, lost his top hurler, Right-hander George Schmid (7-3, ERA 2.74) by graduation. But perhaps the biggest Badger loss is all-district and all-American Outfielder Ron Nieman (.337). Wisconsin is always a contender and this year is no different.

The Hoosiers could bring Coach Ernie Andre the crown. An experienced crew is ready at Indiana. His top returnee should be Outfielder Don Foreman.

Illinois, always a top contender in the rugged league under Coach Lee Ellbracht, has two top players returning. Star Shortstop Bob Klaus (.311), now a senior, and top hitter John Jurasevich (.365), a junior, will lead the Fighting Illini.

Coach Otto Vogel at Iowa has a better pitching staff this year, headed by Van Fossen, and a top outfielder who can hit in Kevin Furlong.

Northwestern's Fred Lindstrom is in a re-building stage but could surprise the league. The Wildcats lost ace hurler Tom Scheurman who led the team to the Big Ten title two years ago. And Paul Hoffman at Purdue hopes to bring the Boilermakers into 1959 contention.

The other district No. 4 auto-

matic bid is claimed by the tough Mid-American Conference, and, Ohio and Western Michigan are considered the teams to beat with Matt Resick's Kent State team a darkhorse.

Ohio will be led by all-American Centerfielder Lamar Jacobs (.467) and a top pitching group of Mickey Urban (7-2), Bob Russell (6-2) and Ralph Nuzum who posted a 9-2 record in 1956 and returns after two years army service.

Maher had hoped to have a

better-than-average WMU team and figured heavily on a great sophomore pitching staff. However, Sophomore Jim Bouton signed for \$30,000 and Dick Moffit transferred, so his inexperienced staff will be led by one veteran, Bill Topp, a right-hander.

Notre Dame, almost always an at-large choice for the district tourney, faces a re-building job under coach Clarence J. (Jake) Kline. The Irish lost four all-district players by graduation. Returning for the Irish are Dick Sel-

ler who hit .341 as a junior second baseman last season, and Gene Duffy, star outfielder who carried .328 as a junior.

Coach Emory Bauer at Valparaiso (last year's other independent choice in the district tourney) has veteran catcher Tom Orton (.508) back, but lost his star pitcher Jerry Twietmeyer by graduation.

Les Michael at Ohio Wesleyan and Max Molock at St. Mary's of Minnesota will also have top-rate teams this season.

USF Dons Join Baseball League

SAN FRANCISCO — The University of San Francisco opens a 34 game baseball schedule today as it hosts Cal Poly. USF will compete in the Northern Division of the West Coast Athletic Conference this season, the first time the Hilltop baseballers have ever competed in a formal league.

The schedule:

Feb. 27	Cal Poly	Here
March 6	Stanford	There
March 7	California	There
March 12	SF State (2)	There
March 17	*College of Pacific (2)	Here
March 19	California	There
March 20	Los Angeles State	Here
March 24	*Santa Clara	There
March 25	Humboldt State	Here
March 27	San Diego U.	Here
April 2	*San Jose State	Here
April 4	*San Jose State	Here
April 6	SF State (2)	Here
April 10	Pepperdine	Here
April 12	*Santa Clara	Here
April 17	*San Jose State	There
April 18	*College of Pacific (2)	There
April 22	California	Skins Stadium
April 23	Cal Aggies	Here
April 24	Stanford	Seals Stadium
May 2	*Presidio of SF	There
May 3	*Santa Clara	There
May 6	Marine Recruit Depot	Here
May 8	*San Jose State	There
May 9	*Santa Clara	Here
May 10	*St. Mary's (2)	Here
May 14	Presidio of SF	Here
May 16	*St. Mary's (2)	There
May 17	Veterans' Home	There

* Denotes League Games

Four Lobo Slots Open

ALPINE, Texas.—Serious work has begun as the Sul Ross Lobos prepare for the 1959 baseball season, in which they play a schedule of 32 games against 11 different teams. The Lobos, with a new coach, Ray Van Cleef, and probably the toughest schedule in history, face the problem of filling four vacated positions from the team of '58, which won 21 and lost 8.

Graduation took the first baseman ('58's leading batsman) and the left fielder; the shortstop signed with Pittsburgh; and grades halted the play of the right fielder. Lettermen return at all other positions, with three pitchers who accounted for 13 wins and 2 losses last season.

Returning lettermen are:

Pitchers Gary Cox (6-0), Bobby Dickson (6-1), and Harry Watts (1-1); Catchers George Martin and Buddy Bise; Infielders Glenn Schweers, Warren McCarson, Billy Pope and Jim Dodson; Out-

fielders Freddy Davis and Leldon Hensley.

March 11	Baylor University	There
March 12	Baylor University	There
March 13	SMU	There
March 14	SMU	There
March 20	Southwest Oklahoma	Here
March 21	Southwest Oklahoma (2)	Here
March 24	Colorado University	Here
March 25	Colorado University	Here
March 26	Colorado University	Here
March 27	New Mexico U.	Here
March 28	New Mexico U. (2)	Here
April 3	New Mexico State U.	Here
April 4	New Mexico State U. (2)	Here
April 15	Arizona State College	There
April 16	Arizona State College	There
April 17	Arizona University	There
April 18	Arizona University (2)	There
May 1	Abilene Christian Col.	Here
May 2	Abilene Christian Col.	Here
May 7	Brooks Army Med C.	There
May 8	Brooks Army Med C. (2)	There
May 9	St. Mary's University	There
May 15	Abilene Christian Col.	There
May 16	Abilene Christian Col.	There
May 22	Brooks Army Med C.	Here
May 23	SMC (2)	Here

Howard Presses Spring Drills

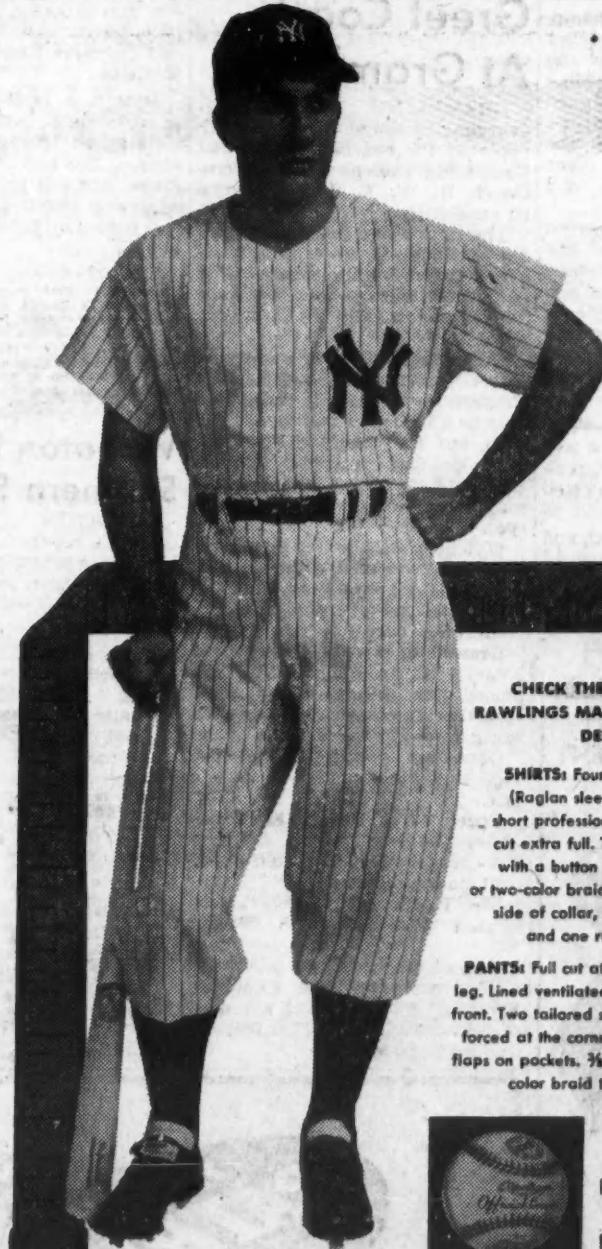
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Howard University baseball team concluded its sixth week of preseason baseball drills yesterday. To date, poor weather conditions have forced Coach Tom Johnson to conduct most of his practice sessions indoors.

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UConn Boss Gets Overdue Honor

By BILL NEWELL

STORRS, Conn.—Connecticut, long known as the Land of Steady Habits and home of the Wooden Nutmeg, has become famous in recent years for something else. It must be at or near the top in the nation in sports banquets—there's one in Connecticut at the very mention of the word.

Of the hundreds held each year, a few stand out and perhaps the most worthwhile is the Gold Key Award dinner put on by the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance.

Getting a Gold Key from the Connecticut writers is not easy, because the recipient must have made a "distinguished contribution to Connecticut sports." Many a big name sports personality just can't qualify.

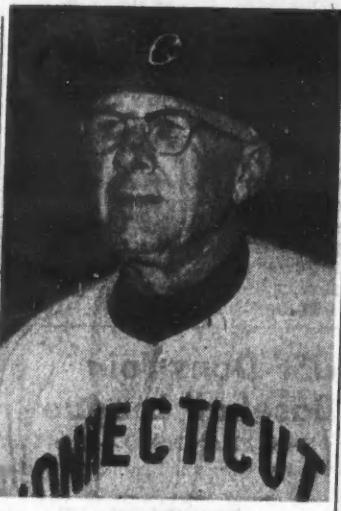
This January, three went out to J. Orlean Christian, veteran former football coach, present baseball coach and athletic director at the University of Connecticut; Briggs Cunningham, Jr., who skippered the yacht Columbia to the America's Cup win over the British Sceptre; and Bat Battalino, former world's feather-weight boxing champ.

The award to Christian was

long overdue, for this native of Minnesota, now in his 25th year at Connecticut, has compiled an enviable coaching record in football, baseball and even basketball and track.

More important, he has been the man behind Connecticut's rise in athletic stature as the institution grew from a small agricultural college to a teeming state university.

A popular man in his adopted state, Christy has always been a winning coach. He was head football coach at UConn for 16 years, where his teams compiled a 66-51-4 record. Then he became athletic director, but kept the baseball coaching job where his ball teams not only notched a 207-163-8 record but bore the stamp of being among the two or three best-coached teams in New England.



J. O. CHRISTIAN

As athletic director, the forward-thinking Christian has seen to it that Connecticut athletic teams have become in style, calibre and appearance close to "big time". The football teams in two

years will play such major clubs as Yale, Boston University, Holy Cross and Rutgers. Basketball teams at Connecticut have been playing a predominately major schedule for several years, with good results.

Probably baseball is his first love, unless it is hockey, a sport the university does not now have but one which is in the offing when the state legislature approves construction of a new rink.

Christy's baseball teams at Storrs have won six of 11 Yankee Conference championships, one New England title and last June lost out to Holy Cross in 10 innings in a bid for a second District 1 crown. His best-known player was Walt Dropo, slugging first baseman who broke in sensationally with the Red Sox a few years ago.

His baseball contributions go far beyond the Connecticut campus, as fellow members of the American Assn. of College Baseball Coaches can attest. Besides

his immediate duties at Connecticut, Christian for the past five years has been chairman of the NCAA District 1 selection committee and just this winter was named first vice-president of the AACBC.

Little known is his part in Holy Cross winning the 1952 national championship, the only time an Eastern club has gone all the way.

The Crusaders were clearly far superior to any other District 1 team, but didn't feel they should make the trip to Omaha because of academic conflicts, etc.

Christian believed Holy Cross had a team deserving of a national title chance and finally persuaded officials at Worcester to enter. The Crusaders never regretted it, beating Missouri for the championship and veteran Coach Jack Barry consequently won the Coach of the Year Award. And Christian was the team's biggest rooter at Omaha.

'Ineligible' USC Power-Packed

By GEORGE WATSON —

LOS ANGELES—Rod Dedeaux's NCAA champion Southern California baseballers, although ineligible to defend their 1958 NCAA crown, have lined up an ambitious schedule for the 1959 season.

The Trojans meet Santa Clara, California, Stanford and UCLA in CIBA action, plus going against the Los Angeles Dodger Juniors, San Diego State, University of Arizona, Camp Pendleton Marines and Pepperdine to highlight their rugged non-conference slate.

Gone from the national championship club are several men, but Dedeaux will probably miss the big bats of Ron Fairly and Mike Castanon the most. Both signed pro pacts with the Dodgers. Fairly led the Trojans in the long-ball department last year with nine round-trippers and Castanon was next with six.

Four players that are expected to pace SC this spring are Catcher Bill Heath, Outfielder Rex Johnston, and Pitchers Bill Thom and Bruce Gardner. Last year Heath hit at a .396 clip to lead Dedeaux's club in that department and Johnston wasn't far behind with a .374 average.

Thom, a righthander, chalked up a 9-1 mark and posted a 2.40 ERA. Gardner, a southpaw, registered a 13-1 record and boasted of a 2.62 ERA.

Taking the power of Heath and Johnston and solid hurling of Thom and Gardner, the Trojans are going to be a powerhouse regardless of whether they're eligible for the NCAA playoffs.

60 Hopefuls Greet Coach At Grambling

GRAMBLING, LA.—Almost everyone of sound wind and limb reported for baseball practice at Grambling College as President-Coch R. W. E. Jones greeted 60 candidates.

The impressive reservoir of talent included 11 lettermen, holdovers from the up-and-down '58 club which won 10 and lost four, and approximately 40 first-year apprentices.

Grambling will make a supreme effort to win the Southwestern Conference diamond championship as a first-year member of the loop, but the coaching president contends that "a spotty defense and overdependence on pitching" may keep the team out of the top spot.

"Pitching will be our steady influence," he said, "but we will need solid, inspired play from the infield to make trouble in the conference race."

Grambling is expected to field a vastly improved and much more poised club, despite mental pressure that automatically goes with being placed in the favorite's role.

Opposing coaches rate the Tigers as almost a shoo-in for the title.

Coach Giles Wright of Texas College asserts that "Grambling has championship experience and contender type talent."

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Tufts Counting On Sophomores

MEDFORD, Mass.—With three of its five league all-stars gone Tufts will depend on a pair of outstanding sophomores as the Jumbos open defense of their Greater Boston League championship. The GBL is composed of Harvard, Boston University, Brandeis, Northeastern, Boston College and Tufts.

Coach Bob Meehan's first campaign saw his team compile a 10-4 overall record last spring. Half the Tufts' wins were credited to a sore-armed pitcher by the name of Phil Shaw. And, right now Meehan is expecting another comeback hurler to fill in for the graduated Shaw.

He is Senior Arnie Gerson, who finds the New England chill his chief obstacle. The past two seasons Gerson ranked as a top hurler in summer ball after mediocre performances in college competition.

The Sophomore hopefuls are Shortstop Joel Kelfer, a defensive whiz, and Bob McLucas, a durable outfielder.

Tufts' pitchers turned in a 2.77 ERA last fall and picked up the slack of a .225 team batting average.

First sacker Tom Scannell, who has yet to boot a play in two years of college play, seeks to repeat as an all-league performer. Joe Crowley must overcome a severe leg injury as he seeks to retain his berth as the league's top center fielder.

April	9	Boston College	Here
April 11	Worcester Tech	There	
April 14	Harvard	There	
April 16	Boston University	There	
April 18	Amherst	Here	
April 20	Northeastern	Here	
April 23	Holy Cross	Here	
April 24	Bates	Here	
April 25	Bowdoin	Here	
April 28	M. I. T.	Here	
April 30	Boston College	Here	
May 1	Springfield	Here	
May 4	Boston University	Here	
May 6	Brandeis	Here	
May 8	Bowdoin	Here	
May 9	Colby	Here	
May 12	Northeastern	Here	
May 14	New Hampshire	Here	
May 15	Brandeis	Here	
May 16	University of Mass.	Here	

Clarkson Opens Against LeMoyne

POTSDAM, N. Y.—A 16-game schedule has been announced for the Clarkson College baseball team by Hank Hodge, director of athletics and baseball coach.

The Golden Knights, who compiled an 11-6 record last season, will open the campaign on March 24, with a home contest against LeMoyne. Eleven of the 16 games will be played during the month of May.

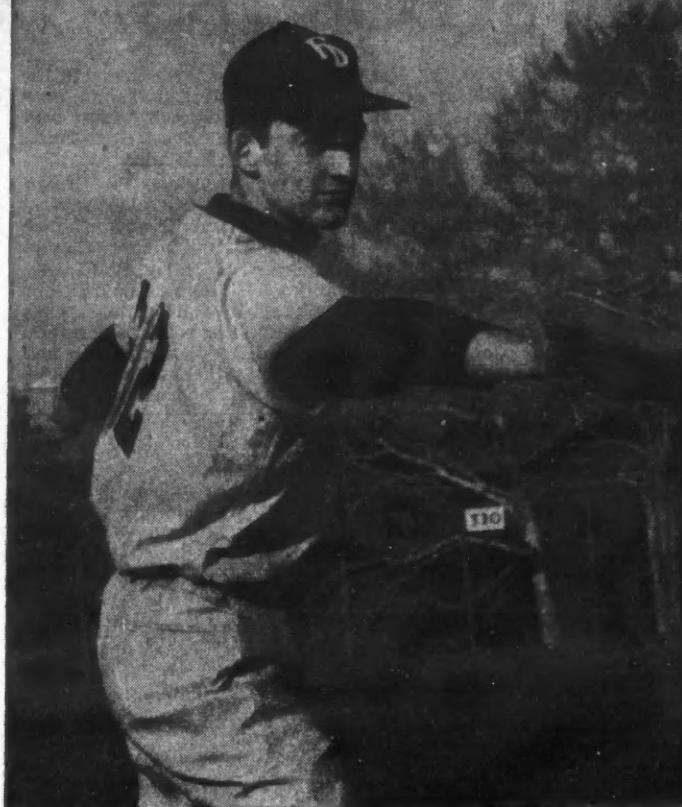
The schedule:

April 24	LeMoyne	Here
April 25	Rochester	There
April 30	Colgate	There
May 1	Hobart	There
May 4	Syracuse	Here
May 8	Rensselaer	Here
May 9	Rochester Tech	Here
May 13	Hartwick	Here
May 14	R. P. I.	There
May 16	Siena	There
May 18	Middlebury	There
May 19	Union	There
May 21	Cortland State	There
May 22	St. Lawrence	Here
May 23	St. Lawrence	Here
June 6	St. Lawrence	Here

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Fresno State Boasting Experienced Club In '59

FRESNO, Calif.—A potent squad of returning veterans augmented by a promising set of junior college transfers and members of last year's junior varsity, all under the guidance of Pete Beiden, seem to indicate a successful season for the Fresno State College baseball Bulldogs.

So far, more than thirty games are on the Dogs yet to be approved schedule—the first tomorrow against the University of California in Berkeley.

Leading the returning veterans is all-CCAA outfielder Dorman Martin, whose .387 batting average last year was the second highest on the squad and the third highest in the league. Martin led the squad in total hits, runs, doubles, and RBI's and was tied for the lead in home runs and triples.

Second team all-conference pitcher Mountie Bedford is also among the returning veterans. In 12 games (60 2/3 innings) Bedford compiled an earned run average of 1.19—the best on the squad. He won four games and lost one.

The Bulldogs also boast an excellent backstop left over from last year—Jim Garrett, the third best hitter on the squad with a .308 average. Two second team all-CCAA infielders are returning—Shortstop Mike Mathieson and Second Baseman Jerry White. At first base, Lee Murphy and Ted Hiltel are back.

Five members of last year's outfield are back. Along with Martin, they are Merv Carter, Tom Thompson, Dave Peeler, and L. H. McDaniels. In addition

to Bedford, three pitchers return—Harvey Casey, Dick Doepler and Ed Vegely.

Among the junior college transfers, Infielder Odell Youngblood—the leading hitter on the College of Sequoias squad the last two years—and Leroy Gregory, all conference pitcher from Coalinga College, should prove valuable. FSC acquired three other outfielders from junior colleges—Jerry Burke, Jim Lester and Dick Worley.

Several members of last year's junior varsity and frosh squads will be fighting for varsity positions including Pitchers Tom Emery, Wayne Hironaka, Dick Rose and Bob Scholz; Catcher Jimmy Johnson; Infielders Dave Biggers and Martin Mazzoni; and Outfielders Joe Fischer and Mike Lillard.

Pitcher Dennis Robertson and Infielder Gene Nalbandian come to the Bulldogs with no previous collegiate experience. Robertson was all-league two years at Tu-lare High School.

Yale was the runner-up club in both the 1947 and 1948 College Baseball World Series.

FDU Sets Sights On Elite Circle

Knights Laden With Top Hitters, Hurters

RUTHERFORD, N.J.—Having enjoyed a highly successful season with a sophomore-junior dominated squad last year, Coach Harvey Woods' Fairleigh Dickinson University baseball team is looking toward the coming campaign with high hopes of moving into the elite circle of metropolitan New York's top collegiate nines.

Last season, the Knights registered a record of 16 wins in 23 starts and displayed one of the best run making marks among college nines in the East. Woods' heavy hitting club averaged better than eight runs per game in 1958. In 11 games the Knights scored more than nine runs and on three separate occasions belted in 17 tallies.

Fairleigh Dickinson's pitching corps won't have to take a back seat to the hitters during the coming season. Heading the returning twirlers will be Junior Frank Gilabert who won eight of nine decisions last year and turned in a gaudy earned run mark of 2.01 per game.

Gilabert led the Knights pitching corps in total strikeouts and least number of walks. The left-hander worked 62 2/3 innings striking out 81 and walking only 38 batters.

Backing up Gilabert will be three other juniors, Ed Strohmeyer, Bill Pollack and John Tackas. Pollack, a transfer from Colby College, is being counted on to take up the slack left by the graduation of last year's second highest winner, Dan Yocus.

The Knights' attack will be built around two seniors, Catcher-third baseman, Phil Kutt and hard-hitting Center fielder, Ira Schwartz. Kutt batted .370 as a sophomore and .320 last year. He bats from both sides of the plate and is an extremely fast base runner.

Schwartz, who was Fairleigh Dickinson's top hitter last year with a .354 mark, led the Knights in total hits, runs batted in and home runs in 1958.

The schedule:

March 27	Bowdoin College	Here
March 28	Bowdoin College	Here
March 30	University of Mass.	Here
April 2	Lehigh University	There
April 4	University of Maine	Here
April 7	Newark Col. of Eng.	Here
April 9	Newark Rutgers	There
April 11	Long Island U.	Here
April 13	Queens College	There
April 15	*Seton Hall	Here
April 18	Hunter College	There
April 20	Mercy College	There
April 22	Stevens Institute	There
April 23	Bendis University	Here
April 24	Iona College	There
April 25	*St. Peter's College	Here
April 29	Archbishop Prentiss	Here
April 30	Manhattan College	Here
May 2	New Haven State Teachers	There
May 5	Hofstra College	Here
May 6	*Union of Bridgeport	Here
May 9	Columbia University	There
May 11	Rider College	There
May 13	Monmouth College	Here
May 16	*Fairfield University	There
May 23	U. of Scranton	Here
May 26	Upsala College	There
* Collegiate Baseball League Game		

squads in Hawaii and baseball-mad Japan.

On their return to Michigan in the fall, Norm took a job coaching and teaching at Hillsdale High School, where he turned out successful teams for two years before coming to Wesleyan in 1934 as an assistant coach in baseball and football to Michigan immortal Jack Blott.

He was named head baseball coach in 1941 and since then has turned out his share of successful Wesleyan nines. Norm's best diamond season was 1958 when the Cardinals won 11 and lost only two.

But the most pleasant victory last season for Norm was a 6-2 win over Michigan during a spring vacation tour of the South. The baseball victory

gave Wesleyan an all-time record of two wins and no losses against Michigan, and meant that little Wesleyan is the only college in the country to boast an unblemished record in competition with mighty Michigan. (The only other victory was in football during the 1880s.)

While Wesleyan has not played baseball as long as traditional Little Three rivals Williams and Amherst, who played in the first game 100 years ago, the Cardinals can boast today that baseball was Wesleyan's first intercollegiate sport.

Wesleyan's first intercollegiate game, as well as Yale's, was played in New Haven in 1865 with Yale winning 29-13. The Eli's are still a Wesleyan rival. Last season, Wesleyan defeated Yale 8-4.

Committee Suggests Sportsmanship Rules

EAST LANSING, Mich.—Seven recommendations to improve college baseball sportsmanship have been announced by John H. Kobs, Michigan State coach and chairman of the NCAA's baseball rules committee.

The recommendations, approved by the committee in Cincinnati last month at the NCAA meetings:

1. Coaches should control players' remarks at all times (This does not prohibit friendly banter).
2. Malicious, cursing or personal remarks should not be tolerated at any time.
3. Base coaches should confine their remarks to their own teammates and not ride the opposing pitchers.
4. Players should be impressed with the fact they are playing college baseball and not professional or semi-professional.
5. Bench jockeys should not ride the opposing team during the pre-game workout.
6. School administrators should help control unruly students and spectators.
7. All coaches should re-read and abide by the Code of Ethics as printed in the Baseball Guide.

Ohio Wesleyan Shoots For New Win Record

DELaware, O.—A 20-game baseball schedule, including a three game spring trip to Virginia, has been announced by Ohio Wesleyan, defending Ohio Conference champions.

The University of Virginia, Lynchburg and Randolph-Macon are on tap for the March 23-25 trip. Sixteen of the other 17 games are against league competition.

Two university records are on the line when the season starts. Ohio Wesleyan was undefeated in twelve contests last year, and needs one more victory to set a new standard.

When the Battling Bishops open their home schedule April 6 they will be after their 26th consecutive home field win. It has been three and a half years since OWU was defeated on its home diamond.

Among the returning lettermen are 1958's two leading hitters, Left fielder John MacLlwaine (.404) and Second baseman Ken Terry (.388). Pitcher Jim Dickey, who won his only start and struck out 20 batters before an arm injury sidelined him for the

season, is expected to be ready to lead the mound staff.

Les Michael, now in his eighth year as head baseball coach, and Assistant Coach Ray Leech have guided Ohio Wesleyan to 32 victories in the last 41 contests.

Ohio Wesleyan's 1959 schedule:

March 23	U. of Virginia	There
March 24	Lynchburg	There
March 25	Randolph Macon	There
April 5	Wittenberg	Here
April 8	Capital	There
April 11	Muskingum	Here
April 15	Kent	Here
April 16	Hiram	There
April 21	Danison	There
April 23	Otterbein	Here
April 26	Ohio University	There
April 30	Marietta	Here
May 2	Oberlin	There
May 6	Capital	Here
May 9	Heidelberg	Here
May 12	Wittenberg	There
May 14	Otterbein	There
May 21	Danison	Here
May 23	Kent	There
May 25	Heidelberg	There

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For Wesleyan Coach

Baseball Skill Wins Trip

MIDDLETOWN, Conn.—Baseball has provided Wesleyan University Coach Norm Daniels with more than just a livelihood—it also gave him an opportunity to honeymoon in the Hawaiian Islands and Japan.

Norm, one of three nine-letter winners in Michigan University athletic history, was captain and shortstop-second baseman of the Wolverines' championship 1932 team. He hit a very competent .312 during the regular season.

Armed with a bachelor's degree, Norm married a Detroit girl, Okla Mae Clime, and took her along on the Wolverines' tour of the Pacific. Okla sat in the stands and watched Norm's team win 11 of 15 games from colleges and other amateur

squads in Hawaii and baseball-mad Japan.

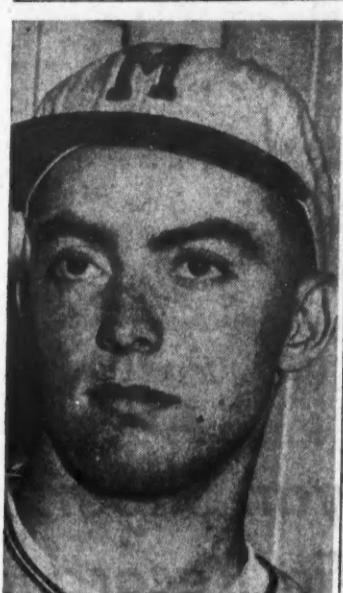
On their return to Michigan in the fall, Norm took a job coaching and teaching at Hillsdale High School, where he turned out successful teams for two years before coming to Wesleyan in 1934 as an assistant coach in baseball and football to Michigan immortal Jack Blott.

He was named head baseball coach in 1941 and since then has turned out his share of successful Wesleyan nines. Norm's best diamond season was 1958 when the Cardinals won 11 and lost only two.

But the most pleasant victory last season for Norm was a 6-2 win over Michigan during a spring vacation tour of the South. The baseball victory

Jasper Pilot Crying Blues

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The season is still six weeks off, but Manhattan baseball Coach Dave Curran is already crying the blues. After seeing only four of his men graduate from last season's team, Curran figured that, with the development of some outstanding freshmen players, this could be "the year" for the Jaspers.



John Schoenberger

Top Western Teams Clash In Tourney

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—A powerful aggregation of baseball teams is expected to descend on the San Diego Marines' diamond March 23-26 for the second San Diego Marines' Collegiate Invitational Baseball Tournament.

The formidable line-up of six squads includes the University of Southern California, National NCAA champions in 1958; San Diego State College, National NAIA champions, 1958; Stanford University, second in the Pacific Coast Conference last year; Fresno State College, a perennial West Coast baseball power; Utah State, annually noted as one of the top baseball aggregations in the Rocky Mountain area, and the San Diego Marines, two-time All-Marine Corps champions, California State champions and third place in the 1958 National Baseball Congress.

This year's invitational tournament will be a double elimination affair. Three games daily will be played on the beautiful San Diego Marines' baseball diamond, Beeson Field, noted as the finest service baseball diamond in the West.

In the opinion of the sponsors, the finest collegiate baseball teams in the West will be competing in the tournament. The San Diego Marines, in continuing this annual event, intend to invite one or two different participants each year.

Last year's diamond battle was rained out in early April, with no chance to re-schedule the "one-in-a-million" squad roster.

Texas Lutheran Opens March 6

SEGUIN, Tex.—A 22-game schedule, including games with three Southwest Conference teams, two Missouri Valley clubs and one Big Eight Conference squad has been announced by John Kramer, baseball coach at Texas Lutheran College.

The Lutherans open their 1959 slate on next Friday when they host the Texas Christian University Horned Frogs of the Southwest Conference.

The complete schedule:

March 6-7, TCU; March 11, at Texas A & M; March 14, Texas A & M; March 18, at Brooks Army Medical Center; March 23-24, Nebraska; March 25-26, Wichita; April 2, at Rice; April 6, Southwest Texas; April 9, at Southwest Texas; April 11, at St. Mary's; April 18, St. Edward's; April 21, Rice; April 25, BAMC; May 1-2, Houston; May 8, St. Edward's; May 12, St. Mary's; May 15, TEC Alumni.

However, he didn't keep this attitude very long, for the majors grabbed two of his outstanding prospects. Catcher Tom O'Connor, considered one of the finest defensive catchers in the East last season, was signed for a bonus by the Pittsburgh Pirates. One week later, Second baseman Charlie Schilling was signed for a reported \$35,000 with the Boston Red Sox.

However, Curran does have a somewhat bright outlook in the future as he points out that returning NCAA District 2 All-Star Outfielder John Schoenberger "rates as a sure All-American this season". Schoenberger, who hit .420 last season, one of the nation's best is a speed demon, has excellent reflexes and quick and flexible wrists. Besides, as Curran points out, Schoenberger's secret seems to lie in the quickness of his eyes to follow the ball.

Behind Schoenberger is his high-school teammate at Newburgh Academy, long ball hitting 1st baseman Mickey Burkowski. Burkowski, also a member of the J basketball squad, led the Kelley Green in RBI's (27 in 16 games) as he nailed down a berth for the Metropolitan Conference all-star team. Veteran and versatile Louis "Red" Bounonato, will be played mainly at third base, but Curran is liable to use him anywhere.

Another bright spot in Curran's plan is his pitching. He will have back Jim Connors, a sidearming left-hander, who rated as the top hurler for the Jaspers last year. Also returning is fastballer Dennis Sullivan, who was sidelined with an elbow injury last year. Coming up from the frosh are Tom Leder, an outstanding schoolboy pitcher and Journal-American All-Star two years ago, and Ken Parchinski, ineligible last year.

The other positions in the Jasper line-up will be filled mainly by sophomores and last year's varsity reserves. Taking O'Connor's place behind the plate will be long-ball hitting Tom O'Leary. Joe Ruyack and John Currey will make up the double play combination, while the remaining outfield positions will most likely be held down by Bob Regazzi and Tim Doyle, both who saw limited action last year.

So Curran is now hoping that the team comes through, in spite of the setbacks.

Theunissen Seeking IC Championship

MT. PLEASANT—When Central Michigan College Baseball coach Bill Theunissen started battery practice recently he wasn't as concerned about the "early bird catching the worm," as he was gaining a half game in the Interstate Conference standings this year.

Last year the Chippewa nine finished in second place only half a game behind pennant-winning Southern Illinois.

Five veterans including four hurlers and a catcher along with five newcomers comprise the group that Theunissen is working out with at the present. He will call out the remaining hopefuls at the beginning of next semester, which will be in February.

Veteran pitchers now working out include: LeRoy Millis, Lapeer senior; Bob Veach, Detroit sophomore; Dick Turner, Port Huron junior; and Bob Fitzpatrick, Bay City sophomore.

Glen Haight, Grand Rapids sophomore, is the only veteran catcher working out.

Poll Rates SC On Top

By GEORGE WATSON

LOS ANGELES — Western collegiate baseball experts in this neck of the woods have come up with a list of five clubs they figure will be the top teams from the San Francisco to San Diego area during the 1959 collegiate horsehide race.

This list contains:

1. SC
2. San Diego State
3. Pepperdine
4. California
5. Fresno State

The first two clubs, SC and San Diego State, nailed down National Championships last season—the Trojans winning the NCAA title and San Diego the NAIA crown.

Even though Rod Dedeaux's Trojans will be ineligible to defend their NCAA crown due to a probationary period being placed on SC by the NCAA, the Men of Troy are expected to be the class of the West.

Dedeaux has lost several "key" players to the pros but still has a strong club despite

these losses. Pitchers Bruce Gardner and Bill Thom, plus flyhawk John Werhas and catcher Bill Heath are rated tops for the Trojans.

Charlie Smith at San Diego State has a top club returning and stands a good chance repeating as NAIA champ. Pitchers Bob Imlay, Bob Lusky and Don Leigh and Infielder Jerry Smith and Outfielder Gerry Wayt are solid performers. Pepperdine, California, and Fresno State have a combination of vets and newcomers.

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